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SUBJECT: NYERERE COMMENTS ON US POLICY TOWARD THE HORN

MOGADISCIO AND JIDDA FOR ASST SEC. MOOSE

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH NYERERE AT MSASANI ON 21 MARCH, AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE HORN AFTER MORE EXTENDED CONVERSATION REGARDING RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA (SPETELS). NYERERE COMMENTED THAT "THE US HAS SHOWN GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM." HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE "HAD TO MAKE NOISES" ABOUT THE CUBANS AND SOVIETS, BUT THOUGHT IT ADMIRABLE THAT WE HAD NOT "OVERREACTED TO FEARS ABOUT THE COMMUNISTS."

2. NYERERE SAID SOMALIA'S INVASION OF THE OGADEN WAS A "CLEAR CUT CASE OF AGGRESSION." THE AFRICAN STATES HAD NOT SPOKEN OUT AS THEY SHOULD HAVE, BUT THE US - IN ITS STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS - HAD BEHAVED CORRECTLY.
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HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT COULD BE CONVINCED TO ACCEPT EXISTING TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES. SIAD WAS NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD, NYERERE SAID, BUT HE WAS NO LONGER STRONG ENOUGH TO MOVE AGAINST HIS NEIGHBORS. ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT KENYA, NYERERE SAID HE DOUBTED THE SOMALIS WOULD

TRY ANYTHING; HE THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD LEARNED A LESSON. THE SOMALIS, HE REMARKED, "HAVE PAID THE PRICE FOR THEIR FOLLY."

3. HE REPEATED HIS APPROVAL OF THE WAY THE US HAD REACTED IN THE HORN, AND ADDED THAT HE WANTED TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR US STATESMANSHIP IN THAT CRISIS.
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